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SPORT

FOOTBALL

The following is the programme of matches arranged for to-day:
HONGKONG CHALLENGE SHIELD—SEMI-FINAL.
Police v. R.G.A. Club ground, kick-off 4.30 p.m.The following have been chosen:
Police.—Swann, Robertson and McWaters; Watts, Foster and Clarke; Grimmett, Watson, Pearson, Valentine and Blair.
R.G.A.—Phillips; Walker and Woodhouse; Bailey, Pascoe and Donohy; Keay, Veale, McHugh, Lelliott and Cousins.Referee: Mr. Newton.
Linesmen: Messrs. Moore and R. M. Omar.

HONGKONG LEAGUE

Division I. Kick-off 4.30 p.m.
H.M.S. Ambrose v. Hongkong Club, Navy "B" ground. Referee: Mr. Smith.
South China v. H.M.S. Tamar, South China ground. Referee: Mr. Bolton.
Kowloon v. H.M.S. Titania, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Williams.
H.M.S. Cairn v. King's Navy "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Wakeham.Division II. Kick-off 4 p.m.
Hongkong Club Res. v. H.M.S. Cairn Res., Club ground. Referee: Mr. Smith.
St. Joseph's v. South China "A", St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Moore.
United A.C. v. Kowloon Res., United F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Simabell.
R.G.A. Res. v. University, Sookunpo ground. Referee: Mr. Watson.

The game on the Club ground in the semi-final of the shield competition should attract a large crowd. Both teams are turning out their strongest available sides and a well contested game should be seen. Grimmett will improve the Police attack. While it would be hard to predict the winners, the R.G.A. are starting slightly favourites but with Swann in his usual form the military team will have the work out to score.

This Club should beat the Ambrose on Navy "B" ground in their return League match.

The Club will be without Rodger and Kuhn. The sailors are expecting assistance from the militia which is due to-day. The Cairn receive the King's on Navy "A" and a win for the soldiers is expected.

Should the Titania arrive in time they will be the visitors to the Kowloon F.C. ground at Happy Valley where they are due to meet Kowloon. A win for Kowloon is expected.

In the Junior division a well contested game should be seen at Sookunpo where the R.G.A. receive the University.

CRICKET

The following teams will represent the H.K.C.C. to-day, at 2.15 p.m. on grounds as below:

H.K.C.C. v. 2nd King's Regt., on H.K.C.C. ground.—T. E. Pearce (capt.), C. Blakey, L. J. Davies, Capt. E. R. S. Dods, Capt. R. Le Fleming, Lieut. N. L. Hammond, H. E. Hollands, E. G. Lammett, F. C. Miller, E. J. R. Mitchell, F. N. Young.
H.K.C.C. v. Craigengower, on Craigengower ground.—L. D. McNicol (capt.), H. H. Benson, G. M. Dodkins, A. S. Excell, W. Fraser, W. J. Hope, W. W. Mackenzie, E. D. C. Morgan, C. H. Pierce, M. M. Watson, J. R. Way.

BILLIARDS

Last night's match between Messrs. Luz and Kwok last night at the V.R.C. resulted in the former winning by only 20. The best breaks were: Luz 40, 45, 35, 27, 28, 27 (twice); Kwok 45, 10, 35, 29, 24. The match between Ng Sze Kwong and P. Yanovitch is postponed till Monday and no match will be played this evening.

HONGKONG TENNIS TOURNAMENT

FURTHER RESULTS.

One of the most interesting games played off yesterday on the Club ground, where the annual tournament is now taking place, was the match between the brothers Valentine and the brothers Rodgers in the open doubles championship. On the day's form they were well matched. The Valentines were the more consistent of the two pairs and their steady play won them the match; their opponents were inclined to be erratic at times. The scores were 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

The latest results are:—
Open Singles.—Capt. P. H. Davies beat D. S. Green (son of the old champion), 6-2, 6-1, 6-1. Wong Po Keung beat M. K. Lee 7-5, 4-6, 6-4, 6-7. O. Ramjani beat L. Nelson, 6-2, 6-3, 6-5.
Handicap Singles.—A. A. Bready (12/6) beat H. Evans (1/3), 6-1, 6-5. Capt. Davies (Scr.) beat Major J. R. Lloyd (4/9), 6-2, 6-2.
Handicap Singles "B."—Pay-Comdr. P. Vining (15) beat F. M. Ellis (15), 6-3, 6-2. B. Crowley (4/6) beat J. W. Moran (4/6), 6-3, 6-0.Handicap Doubles.—R. M. Smith and F. A. Dinville (15/6) beat Pay-Comdr. P. Vining and G. W. Sewell (2/6), 6-4, 6-3. Major P. S. Tomlinson and A. D. Bell (4/9) beat J. W. Moran and C. J. Cooper (15/6), 6-2, 7-5. G. C. Stark and B. D. C. Morgan (15/6) beat G. H. Wilson and C. D. Lambert (15), 6-4, 6-3.
Mixed Doubles.—H. A. Noty and Miss Wentworth (Scr.) beat H. S. Bennett and Mrs. A. G. Simpson (15/1), 6-7, 2-6, 6-3. Lieut. A. S. Lindell and Mrs. A. S. Lindell (15) beat N. L. Smith and Mrs. N. L. Smith (12/6), 6-4, 6-4. G. E. Elkan and Mrs. C. B. Brown (15) beat G. H. Wilson and Mrs. A. E. Crappell (15), 6-1, 6-4. E. Grimble and Mrs. Grimble (15/6) beat Major J. R. Lloyd and Mrs. Winstow (15), 6-6, 7-5, 6-0. Surg. Lieut. G. H. Hayes and Dr. Gladys Turner (4/8) beat Major P. S. Tomlinson and Mrs. Verral (3/6), 6-2, 2-6, 6-3. J. W. Pennar and Mrs. Armstrong (3-0) beat A. G. Ferdue and Mrs. Cavalier (15/6), 6-1, 6-3. Major C. Wilson and Mrs. Bowden-Smith (15) walk over from E. B. Reed and Mrs. Reed (15/6).

THE FALKLAND VICTORY, AIDED BY HONGKONG NAVAL ACTIVITIES.

Vice-Admiral Anstruther, who was Commander in Hongkong during the war, is claiming recognition from the Admiralty for the service he rendered at Hongkong which he claims brought about the annihilation of Von Spee's Squadron. "I am in a position to know how Von Spee was foiled," says Vice-Admiral Anstruther, quoted in the *China Express* and *Telegraph*. "I was in command of the British Naval Forces at Hongkong when war broke out. It was my business to look after the British Naval defences in the Far Eastern waters and to protect the trade routes between Hongkong and Singapore. I say that we at Hongkong stopped von Spee's supplies, and thus caused delay and prevented his achieving the object he had in view. All his supplies were at Manila, which was then a neutral port. "We sent ships down to prevent the nineteen steamers there getting out. We showed the flag outside that port, and they never did get out. The result was that when Von Spee got to the Marchesa Islands he found himself short of supplies. He was delayed something like four or five weeks before he could get fresh supplies. He had to arrange this by wireless, and he had to get those supplies on the coast of California. "The consequence was that he met Craddock on the west coast of South America instead of on the east, where he expected him. If von Spee had got there even 24 hours earlier, Sturdee would have been too late. I say, therefore, it is rather a poor compliment to say that Lord Fisher lured von Spee to the Falkland Islands merely to destroy him in revenge for Coronel. I think that my command at Hongkong did very real service in stopping von Spee's supplies. I have made representations to the Admiralty claiming recognition for that service."

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O., ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.

FIELD DAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 19th.

The Field Day will take place on Sunday, March 19th.

The march will leave Murray Pier at 9 and called at Kowloon at 9.10.

Tiffin will be provided after the operations.

Dress: Rifle and equipment, haversack, water-bottle (filled) helmets.

20 rounds of blank ammunition per man.

Greatcoats will be taken and left on the launch.

PARADE.

Infantry drill, Bayonet fighting and Lewis Gun Instruction will take place on Monday, the 20th instant at Volunteer Headquarters, and Kowloon Docks on Friday, the 24th instant, at 5.30 p.m. for trained men and recruits.

Dress: Plain clothes.

MUSKETRY.

Part II. of the Annual Musketry Course will be fired by the Reserve Company and Casuals of Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons on the 26th instant at St. George's Range, commencing at 10 a.m.

A launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m.

Dress: Drill order.

Officer for duty: Lieut. G. M. Dodwell.

MACHINE-GUN COMPANY.

Machine-gunners' Instructional Parades will be held at Headquarters on Monday, the 20th, and Friday, the 24th inst., at 5.30 p.m.

MOUNTED INFANTRY SECTION.

Parade at Polo ground, Causeway Bay, on Friday, the 24th inst., at 5.15 p.m.

Dress: Plain clothes.

CADET COMPANY.

Parade at Volunteer Headquarters, on Monday, the 20th inst., at 5.30 p.m.

Dress: Drill order.

The 20 rounds S.A.A. per man and revolver ammunition issued during the strike will be returned to Store as early as possible.

R. B. Young, Major, Adjutant, H.V.D.C.

Hongkong, March 17th, 1932.

LAWN TENNIS.

LADIES' TRIANGULAR TENNIS MATCH.

L.R.C., U.S.R.C. AND PEAK CLUB.

This match was played off at the U.S.R.C. on the 15th inst., and resulted in a narrow victory for the L.R.C. by 4 games. This Club thus makes the shield its own property, having won it three times in succession. Mrs. Delcombe and the L.R.C. ladies were "at home" to their friends and some very fine tennis was witnessed. The results were as follows:—
L.R.C.—Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Brooke won all their matches and scored 26 games out of 44.
Mrs. Haslam and Mrs. McCrum only lost one match and scored 24 games. Total: 53 games.
U.S.R.C.—Mrs. Bowden Smith and Mrs. Stern won two matches and lost two, scoring 24 games.
Mrs. R. E. and Mrs. A. S. Lindell also won two and lost two, and scored 25 games. Total: 49 games.
PEAK CLUB.—Mrs. Bevington and Mrs. Sayer lost all their matches and scored 12 games.
Mrs. Grimble and Mrs. N. L. Smith won one and lost three, scoring 18 games. Total: 30 games.

A REACTION FROM THE STRIKE.

HANKOW SAILORS AFRAID TO TAKE A SHIP TO SWATOW.

We understand, says the *Central China Post* (Hankow) of March 8th, that a quite interesting side issue of the Hongkong seamen's strike is being enacted at the present moment locally with regard to the sailing of the Butterfield's Swire str. (*Chungking*), which has been chartered to carry a cargo of benzene from here to Swatow.When it became known to the crew of the *Chungking*—who are, we believe, northern men—that the vessel was to proceed to Swatow, considerable agitation arose amongst them and they finally expressed their refusal to sail to that port, declaring that they were afraid of being roughly handled by the strikers on their arrival and possibly prevented from returning to their homes. As the strike has been declared "off," it would seem to be a little doubtful as to how much the sailors' objections were really due to fear of being "man-handled" and how much of it was put on with a view to extorting higher wages for the voyage. On the account which we have heard is to the effect that the men were willing to proceed provided a lump sum of \$3,000 were forthcoming to ease their fears. At any rate the men removed their baggage from the steamer on Monday evening, and the matter, as far as we can learn, has not yet been adjusted.Telegrams have been sent by the authorities in question both to Swatow and Hongkong with a view to receiving official accounts of the conditions actually obtaining in that port. Meanwhile, however, we learn that the crew of the *Chungking* succeeded in getting away unharmed down river yesterday morning on board the steamer *Wanong*.

THE YARN MARKET.

EFFECT OF THE STRIKE.

Messrs. Polshwalla and Kotwall, cotton and yarn brokers, of Hongkong, in their latest circular state:—

Since our last report on January 31st the prolonged seamen's strike during this long period had paralysed the entire business, so our yarn market also remained extremely dull, and small lots have changed hands for urgent requirements at a decline of \$3 to \$7 per bale, with business resulting in about 4,000 bales.

An unusual feature has been direct exportation from Shanghai of a large quantity of Indian yarn to Canton, supplied at lower rates than those ruling at our place. This has further affected our market, which has been very inactive. As the seamen's strike is now entirely settled and business is assuming the normal aspect, we have every hope of a good inquiry from consuming districts from Yunnan Province which is sure to give an impulse to the present depressed state of our market. Unsold stock 2,600 bales; Bargains in Chinese hands 8,000 bales.

Shanghai.—The eagerness of the foreign holders to part with their stocks, which are rather heavy at lower rates, have prompted Chinese buyers to fill up their immediate requirements and the latest reports show a tendency towards continued inquiry from surrounding countries.

Japanese Yarn.—Owing to a substantial drop in the prices of this yarn in Japan, there has been a fall of \$7 to \$9 per bale at our place and the uncertainty of the condition of the market in Japan is causing buyers from making further bargains in spot or forward deliveries.

THE PARK UNION FOREIGN BANKING CORPORATION.

ASIA BANKING CORPORATION TO TAKE OVER THEIR AFFAIRS.

With reference to the item appearing in cable news of yesterday's date that the Park Union Foreign Banking Corporation had decided to liquidate, the Hongkong Office of the Asia Banking Corporation informs us that they are in receipt of a telegram from their head office advising that the Park Union Foreign Banking Corporation have announced their withdrawal from business activities and that the Asia Banking Corporation will take over their affairs. Also that at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Asia Banking Corporation, Mr. Sigmund Metz was elected as Vice-President and General Manager, and will reside in the Far East, presumably in Shanghai.

Mr. Metz is well known throughout the world on account of his long connection with the Guaranty Trust Co., of New York, as he has represented it in various parts of the world, having been manager of that bank at London, Paris, Buenos Aires and Constantinople.

FIT-U PINCE-NEZ

is the latest of the finger operated eyeglass mounting and has been designed to avoid all the objectionable features of this type of mounting. The long coil springs of the Fit-U prevent spring breakage, and can be instantly adjusted to give more or less pressure on the nose. The nose clips are of special shape to prevent slipping. Fit-U Pince-nez of any metal are obtainable from The Hongkong Optical Co., successors to Clark & Co., Manufacturing and Refracting Opticians—the most competent optical manufacturing establishment in the Colony—located in 53, Queen's Road Central.—ADVT. [101]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

CONSIGNEES are hereby notified that arrangements are being made to return the following cargoes for Hongkong, discharged at Shanghai and Kobe owing to the recent strikes as under:—

From SHANGHAI ex various Steamers:
Per "KAMO MARU" due Hongkong 30th March.
Per "KATORI MARU" due Hongkong 30th March.
Per "SUWA MARU" due Hongkong 1st April.
Per "TOTTORI MARU" due Hongkong 8th April.
From KOBE ex "TANGO MARU" & "AWA MARU" due Hongkong 20th March.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA Agents.

Hongkong, 15th March 1932. [601]

THE BANK LINE LTD.

S.S. "NANERIC" & S.S. "OCEAN MONARCH."

CONSIGNEES of cargo from the United States per the above steamers are hereby notified that the s.s. "NANERIC" is due to arrive here on the 18th instant and will also arrive here on the 18th instant and will also arrive here on the 18th instant and will also arrive here on the 18th instant.

From SHANGHAI ex "ARMAND BENO" & "ANNE LEXA" due Hongkong 21st March.

THE BANK LINE LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1932. [613]

SERVICES, COMMERCIAL DES. NOTICES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES are hereby notified that arrangements are being made to return the following cargoes for Hongkong, discharged at Shanghai owing to the recent strike as under:—
From SHANGHAI ex "ARMAND BENO" & "ANNE LEXA" due Hongkong 21st March.

R. BODENFUSER, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 15th March 1932. [619]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES are hereby notified that arrangements are being made to return the following cargoes for Hongkong, discharged at Shanghai owing to the recent strike as under:—
From SAIGON ex "MYNAR" per cargo from SAIGON or HAIPHONG (boat due end ex "CHER MACANET" Mailboat) 1st March.

R. BODENFUSER, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1932. [620]

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

S.S. "KHIVA"

CONSIGNEES of cargo for Hongkong per S.S. "KHIVA" are hereby notified that a part of the cargo from Europe and Colombo arrived per s.s. "Norra" on the 15th instant and the balance is coming forward per "Sialia" due on or about the 15th instant. Consignees are therefore recommended to make the necessary arrangements respecting delivery.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO. Agents.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1932. [621]

THE EAST ASIATIC CO. LTD. COPENHAGEN.

CONSIGNEES are hereby notified that unless otherwise instructed overland cargo ex "KINA," "AFRIKA" and "TONGKING" will, if possible, be returned per M/S "AFRIKA" due here on or about 29th inst. Consignees risk and expense, including storages in Shanghai.

MANNES & BACKHOUSE, LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1932. [622]

BLUE FUNNEL LINE.

CONSIGNEES are urgently requested to make prompt arrangements for removing or storing cargo. Failure to do so will result in congestion in the Godowns, which will entail delay in the return of subsequent cargoes.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE Agents.

Hongkong, March 17th, 1932. [624]

JAVA CHINA JAPAN LIJN.

S.S. "SAPAROE"

CONSIGNEES of cargo from Netherlands India are hereby notified that their cargo which was overlanded to Shanghai by above ship, will be brought to Hongkong by s.s. "TJISONDARI" due about the 1st April.

JAVA CHINA JAPAN LIJN. Agents.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1932. [625]

JAVA PACIFIC LIJN

S.S. "TJISALAK"

CONSIGNEES of cargo from America are hereby informed that their cargo which was landed at Shanghai by above ship, will be brought to Hongkong by s.s. "TJIBODAS" due on or about the 24th instant.

JAVA CHINA JAPAN LIJN. Agents.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1932. [630]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM JAPAN.

THE Steamship "KWAISANG" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whose and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained. Goods not cleared by the 21st inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined. Claims against the Steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers. Hongkong, 15th March, 1932. [617]

VISIT OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

FULL TWO DAYS' PROGRAMME.

Mr. Eric Rice, hon. secretary to the Committee in charge of the arrangements for the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, gave local press representatives, yesterday afternoon, particulars of the two days' programme decided upon subject only to such variations as weather conditions may dictate. So much depends on whether the wet season begins early or late this year.

For convenience the programme is given in tabulated form.

THE FIRST DAY.

APRIL 17TH.

7.00.—The *Renown* will probably anchor in the Harbour at this hour.

Her arrival will be greeted by a magnificent display of day-light fireworks, arranged by the Japanese community.

9.30.—H.E. the Governor will go on board the *Renown* to pay his official call.

At a few minutes before ten o'clock H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will leave for the shore in his barge.

10.00.—The Prince will land at Blake Pier. Presentations of various officials and representatives will be made.

The Prince will inspect the Guard of Honour drawn up on Blake Pier.

He will proceed to the special pavilion through streets lined by naval and military detachments. This journey will be made in a most elaborate chair, decorated with Prince of Wales's feathers, and upholstered in white and red embroidered material. Eight coolies in full array will carry the chair.

At the Pavilion, the Prince will receive addresses in the following order:—

- (1) On behalf of the entire British community of Hongkong, presented by the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., as one of the oldest residents, a member of the Executive Council and Chairman of the Reception Committee.
- (2) On behalf of the Chinese community of Hongkong, presented by the Hon. Mr. Lau Chi-pak.
- (3) On behalf of Shanghai and Treaty Ports, presented by representatives from Shanghai.
- (4) On behalf of the foreign community of the Colony, presented by Mr. W. H. Gale, Dean of the Consular Faculty.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will reply. At the end of this ceremony, which will be witnessed by a large and representative gathering, the Prince will re-enter his chair and accompanied by H.E. the Governor and two or three members of his H.R.H.'s staff, will proceed to Government House by a route which will afford ample opportunity for the general public to see the Prince. The way will be by Chater Road, up Pedder Street, along Queen's Road to Garden Road, and thence to Government House.

11.30.—At about this hour, when the Prince arrives at Government House, he will inspect troops of Scouts and Girl Guides.

P.M. 7.00.—There will be a "quiet" luncheon party at Government House.

8.30.—His Royal Highness receives the ex-service men of the Colony and officers of the Mercantile Marine, at a garden-party at Government House. (Incidentally, those who come within these categories are reminded to send in their names by March 25th, at latest.)

4.30.—If fine, the Prince will motor to the Polo-ground for his game of polo.

8.00.—Official Banquet at Government House. The menu will number between 100 and 150.

9.30.—The Prince and Staff will motor to Blake Pier and embark on the *Renown* to view the illumination of the Harbour. There will be a special display of fireworks from the water; this is arranged by the Japanese community. Returning to the City, the Prince will witness from a specially erected stand, a Chinese Fire Procession.

That night, the Prince will sleep at Government House. Some members of the staff will sleep there; others will be accommodated by invitation of the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, at Bank House.

THE SECOND DAY.

APRIL 18TH.

His Royal Highness will probably drive round the Island in the morning, and possibly visit the Peak. This will depend upon whether or not rain has interfered with the polo match on the previous day. If the Prince has not had the game of polo, and conditions are then favourable, he will have it on the second morning.

11.30.—The Prince will arrive at the Hongkong Cricket Club's ground, where the school children of the Colony will be assembled. The Prince has expressed a special wish to see the school children; he will walk through their ranks and proceed to the special pavilion.

11.45.—His Royal Highness will receive an honorary University Degree in the course of a Congregation held in the pavilion.

There will follow the laying of the foundation stone of St. Stephen's Girls' College. The Prince will operate a mode, which will be electrically connected with the stone on the actual site. A short address will be read by the Ven. Archbishop Barnett and one of the pupils will present an illuminated address in Chinese and read an English translation.

The Prince will then receive a Masonic address.

Sir Paul Chater will ask the Prince's leave to present to the Colony a statue of His Royal Highness, to be placed with those of other members of the Royal Family in Statue Square.

P.M. 12.30.—The Prince will lunch with Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Duff on H.M.S. *Albatross*.

2.15.—The Prince will attend a race meeting in Happy Valley.

8.00.—A Chinese Banquet to the Prince will take place at the Tai Ping Theatre. About 500 guests will attend and the theatre will be lavishly decorated with Chinese symbols.

9.30.—The Prince will proceed to a Ball given by the entire community at the pavilion.

That night, the Prince and Staff will proceed on board the *Renown*, in order to depart at 7 o'clock on the following morning. The departure, at that hour, will be unofficial.

KOWLOON MUST BE DISAPPOINTED.

With such a full programme before him, it will be impossible for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to set foot in Kowloon. Every endeavour will be made to include a visit to the Peak in the programme as the Prince has expressed a special desire to see how the once-barren mountain has been made habitable.

The Hongkong Automobile Association has arranged to place a certain number of cars at the disposal of the Prince and his staff during their stay.

THE PRINCE'S STAFF.

The names of the Prince's staff are as follows:—

- Comptroller—Vice-Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey, R.N., K.C.M.G., C.B.
- Military Secretary—Brig.-General C. R. Woodroffe, C.M.G.
- Private Secretary—Sir Godfrey Thomas, Bart.
- Extra Equerry—Capt. Dudley North, R.N.
- Esquerry—Capt. the Hon. Piers Leigh and Lieut. the Hon. Bruce A. Ogilvie.
- Extra A.D.C.—Capt. E. D. Metcalfe, M.C., Indian Cavalry.
- Aide-de-Camp—Lieut. Lord Louis Mountbatten, R.N.
- Medical Officer—Surgeon-Commander A. C. Newport, R.N.

SPECIAL PRESS CORRESPONDENTS.

The names of the Press correspondents who are accompanying the Royal Tour are:—Mr. Peter Landon (*Daily Telegraph*), Sir Percival Phillips (*Daily Express*), Sir Herbert Russell (Reuters) and Mr. W. Fair (*Central News*). There will probably be, also, a cinematograph photographer, on behalf of the Admiralty.

ESCORTE OF JAPANESE WARSHIPS.

The British Ambassador at Tokio has notified the Hongkong Government that the Japanese Government is despatching the Third Squadron, consisting of four cruisers, to convey greetings to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on arrival here and to escort H.M.S. *Renown* to Japan. The Squadron will probably arrive here a few days before the date of the Prince's visit.

BURGLAR WOUNDS EUROPEAN.

HOUSEBREAKER SURPRISED AT TAIKOO.

Mr. C. H. Summers, residing at "The Bungalow," Taikoo, had an encounter with a burglar in the early hours of Friday morning. It appears that Mr. Summers was awakened from his sleep by a noise in his room, and discovered a Chinese breaking open his wardrobe. He jumped out of bed with the intention of seizing the intruder, but he was suddenly stunned by a blow from a jemmy under the chin. Before Mr. Summers could recover, the burglar had rushed into the room and escaped by the window into the road. On subsequent investigation by the police it was discovered that the man had effected an entrance into the room by forcing the lock of the bath-room door. A deep wound was inflicted on Mr. Summers' chin by the implement which the burglar used.

AT THE COMPHADORE'S. OBTAINING GOODS BY FALSE PRETENCES.

At the Magistracy, yesterday morning, a Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Landell with obtaining goods from the Tai Loy Comphadore's shop by false pretences. Evidence was given that the defendant went to the shop and presented a chit purporting to have come from Mr. White, of the Zetland House, private hotel, and asked for one milk, one tin of sardines and one bottle of vinegar. The shop accountant's suspicion was aroused by the small amount of the order, and the absence of the pass book which Mr. White invariably used. He telephoned to Mr. White, who denied the chit to be forged. Accused said that the chit was given to him by a friend, who told him to get the goods. This friend had now returned to the country. Magistrate: Since last night—Yes. Four weeks' imprisonment was ordered.

THE TAIPO ROAD SHOOTING AFFAIR.

MR. SHENTON ADDRESSES THE JURY.

"A STAB AT CIVILISATION."

The Coroner's inquiry into the Shatin shooting incident was continued at the Magistracy, yesterday, when Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, who represented the police officers concerned in the case, further addressed the jury.

Asked by the Coroner if he had any cases in mind where the crowd had not interfered with the police, but where the police had interfered with the crowd, Shenton mentioned the case of Rev. v. MacNaughton in which the jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide. On that occasion the police fired on the crowd.

The Coroner: In that case the crowd volunteered the assault on the police, but in this case the crowd did not actually volunteer to assault the police.

Mr. Shenton said that as far as he was aware there was no other case of a similar nature to the one under consideration.

"MARKER THE GOVERNMENT."

Coming to the facts of the case, Mr. Shenton addressed the jury for nearly two hours. What were the existing conditions at the time in the Colony? asked Mr. Shenton. There was a general strike of labour in the Colony, with wholesale intimidation of workers. One of the witnesses had said that a man had come to his master's house and said that he would be killed if he did not leave work.

Another man said that he had been stopped in Queen's Road and told of the meeting at the Po King Theatre. This man had been told that if he did not join he would be maltreated. The connecting link between the strike and this shooting affair was that the mob concerned regarded the strike as a very grave matter and passed very drastic legislation, which, in fact, took away the very liberties of the subject. The Government could conscript labour and detain persons. It closed the ports and instituted an examination of all vessels entering the harbour. The measures adopted were similar to those adopted by the Government at the commencement of the great war. In other words, the Colony was placed on a war footing; the military forces were actually called in to deal with the strike.

The assembly entirely disregarded the legislation of the Colony. It treated the legislation with contempt and it defied said "Mark the Government; away with the Government orders; we will go." It stabbed at the vital principles of civilisation. The breach of the law caused by these men was more dangerous than arson, assault on the person and cases of that nature. In fact, they openly challenged the law of the Colony and said that it had no right to exist.

THE FIRING WAS DELIBERATE.

Mr. Shenton dealt at some length with the plans for dealing with the mob. Mr. King could not foresee that the "buses" would break down. His scheme was an excellent one and might have been successful but for that one fact. Mr. Shenton said that Mr. King made superhuman efforts to warn the mob, but "the crowd was committed to the true facts and was determined to go on." Mr. King's order to fire was the result of reasoned consideration of the general situation of affairs in the Colony; the firing was deliberate. He also knew the dimensions of the crowd and the consequences likely to arise if the mob was not dealt with promptly; he knew that the Indian police had made a very serious show of arms at the Waterworks; he knew that revolver shots had failed, he knew that his own verbal warnings in Chinese had failed. The mob was flushed with success and, if it had gone on, it would have become wild. If they had got to open country it would have taken numerous forces to control them and many more would have been shot. The mob would probably have attacked the houses at Fanling and the native villages.

Regarding the actual firing, Mr. Shenton suggested that the firing of one round each was the very minimum, and to be any good the firing had to be effective. The Coroner: If they had scattered would they have been lawfully shot? Mr. Shenton: I think they undoubtedly would.

The Coroner: Once they are scattered I am very doubtful whether any more shooting would have been justified. "I do suggest to this inquiry," said Mr. Shenton, in concluding, "that the police acted with the very greatest discretion and forbearance. They acted humanely throughout and I am in this respect almost inclined to think that they went beyond what they were really entitled to do—the shooting could quite properly have been done before it was done. But they used their forbearance and only ordered the firing when things had got to the stage that there was nothing left to be done. They acted under circumstances of the greatest difficulty in the way one would expect from responsible officers."

Mr. Shenton submitted a number of questions which he thought the Coroner might be prepared to put to the jury and Mr. Wood replied that he should instruct the jury that it was their duty to return a verdict and that the answering of any question was entirely optional for them.

The Crown Solicitor announced that he did not desire to address the Court.

The Coroner announced that the jury had decided to visit the scene of the shooting this afternoon.

The Court then adjourned to Monday afternoon at 2.15 o'clock.

COMPANY MEETING.

GANDE, PRICE & CO., LTD.

The 14th ordinary annual meeting of Messrs. Gande, Price & Co., Ltd., was held at the Company's office, No. 8, Queen's Road Central, at noon, yesterday.

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chi-pak presided, and there were present Messrs. S. C. Pank, C. H. Lyon and Lau Po-wing (directors), Mr. C. Bond, (Secretary), and Messrs. J. J. Blake, D. Burjahn, Leung Yan-po, Pang Kwok-wei, Pang Kwok-tat and S. V. V. (shareholders).

The Chairman said:—The net profit for the year under review is \$40,544.86, which I am pleased to say, is an increase of \$24,382.25 over that of the previous year, and, taking into consideration that business generally during the past year has been exceptionally bad throughout the Far East, your Directors are of opinion that the balance sheet as placed before you is a very creditable one. The net profit of \$40,544.86, together with the balance of \$2,712.66 brought forward from credit of profit and loss account for 1920, makes a total credit of \$43,257.52, which your Directors recommend to be disposed of as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 10 per cent. on 18,105 shares, which will absorb \$18,105; to write off goodwill account \$10,000; transfer to general reserve account \$10,000; and carry forward the balance of \$5,152.52 to this year's account.

I think you will agree with me that it is a wise precaution to further strengthen our general reserve account and write down our goodwill account as it enables us to meet any unforeseen emergency that may happen in the future, especially as business has been practically at a standstill during the past two months. In conclusion, I wish to thank the management on behalf of the Directors and shareholders for the able manner in which they have looked after our interests, and I trust that the staff will continue as they have done in the past.

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. J. J. Blake seconded and endorsed the Chairman's thanks to the staff.

The motion was carried.

Mr. C. H. Lyon was unanimously re-elected a director on the proposal of Mr. Bond, seconded by Mr. Blake.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. Pang, seconded by Mr. Leung Yan-po.

Mr. Blake said that some time ago the directors had voluntarily given up their fees, and in view of the Company's position now, he had much pleasure in proposing that the meeting vote the return of the directors' fees, and increase them from \$500 to \$750 each.

Mr. Bond seconded, and the motion was carried.

A bonus of 10 per cent. on their year's salaries was voted to the staff.

COMPANY REPORT.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

The report for representation to the shareholders reads as follows:—

The General Agents beg to submit to the shareholders their report on the Company's business for the year ending December 31st, 1921.

The balance at debit of profit and loss accounts after deducting the sum of \$75,571.11 brought forward from last year amounts to \$320,348.33; to meet this the sum of \$520,348.33 has been transferred from Sugar Fluctuation Account to the credit of profit and loss account.

The General and the Consulting Committee recommend the payment of a dividend of 25 per cent. out of the amount at credit of equalization of dividend fund, which will absorb \$100,000, and, if agreed to, will leave a balance of \$500,000 to the credit of equalization of dividend fund.

Consulting Committee.—The General Agents regret to have record the death of Mr. Francis Maitland who has been actively interested in this Company since 1906 in the capacity of a member of the Consulting Committee.

The present Committee consists of Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G., Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Messrs. H. P. White, and E. J. Chapman who offer themselves for re-election.

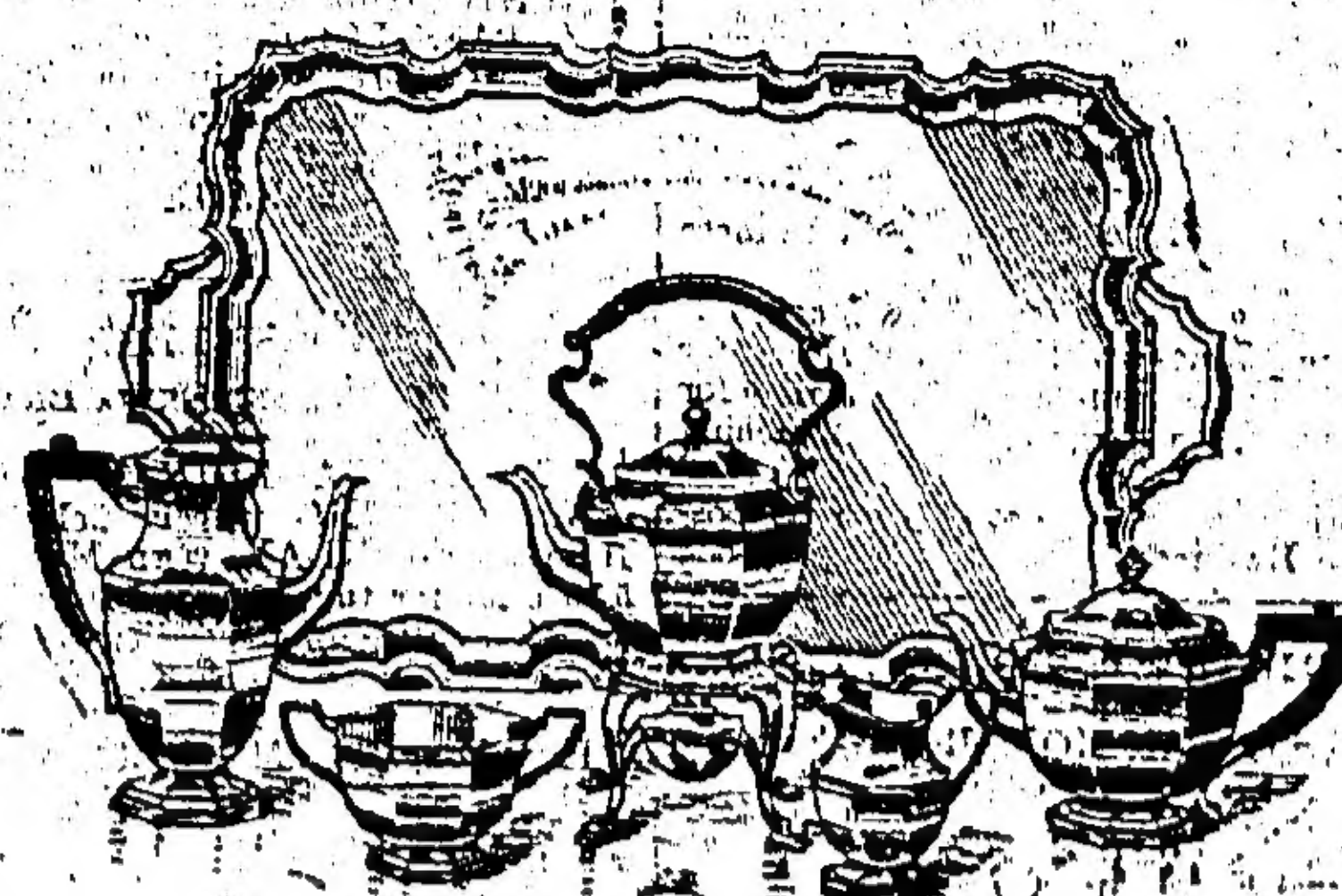
Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and A. R. Low, F.C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

TREATMENT OF MALARIA. THE USE OF CINCHONA F. TO BE INTRODUCED.

According to a practical experiment carried out at Kuala Lumpur by Dr. Fletcher, he is satisfied that Java cinchona febrifuge is quite as good as quinine and costs only a quarter the price of the latter. Dr. Malcolm Watson's opinion is that, while cinchona febrifuge is quite as good as quinine for all ordinary fever cases and precautionary doses against fever, yet, in acute cases, where the patient is dangerously ill, quinine is preferred.

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CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
(REMOVED BY THE EDITOR.)BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.
MINISTERIAL DECREE AGAINST M.
PHILIPPE BERTHELOT.

PARIS, March 17th.
Although Philippe Berthelot has been placed on the retired diplomatic list he will retain ambassadorial title and pension rights. Moreover, he will reach the age limit before a decade expires.

COUNCIL TAKES A SERIOUS
VIEW.

PARIS, March 17th.
It appears that it took the Council of Discipline a long time to make up its mind as to the exact nature of M. Berthelot's intervention in the affairs of the Banque Industrielle. For four hours members discussed the matter before giving an opinion. M. Poincaré was not present at the final sitting, but a report was submitted by him and he was responsible for the punishment imposed on M. Berthelot generally. The suspension from duty is for a limited period of five years. The fact that M. Berthelot was suspended for ten years is taken to indicate that the Council took a serious view of the faults he committed. He was found guilty of committing imprudence in an administrative order and of insufficiently differentiating his duties at the Foreign Ministry from the interest he took in the Bank. It was not found, however, that he favoured the Bank against the interests of the State and it was this circumstance which led to his being placed in retirement for ten years instead of being dismissed. In the hour of his misfortune it is not forgotten that M. Berthelot rendered valuable services to his country during the war. He was political director at the Foreign Office during the tragic days of July, 1914, and the initiative he took when Premier Viviani and M. Poincaré, then President of the Republic, were returning from Russia and were not in contact with Paris is remembered.

EARLIER CABLES.

PARIS, March 16th.
A Ministerial decree places M. Philippe Berthelot on the retired list for ten years.

LATEST CABLES.

THE FOUR-POWER TREATY.
DEMOCRATS CEASE OBSTRUCTIVE
TACTICS.

WASHINGTON, March 17th.
Senator Lodge is of opinion that the fact that opponents of the Four Power Treaty have agreed to cease further obstructive tactics indicates recognition by the Democrats that resistance is useless. This belief, apparently well-founded, is based on the knowledge that two Democratic Senators, hitherto counted among the opposition, have notified Senator Underwood of their intention to vote for the treaty. Thus the treaty will be ratified with a few votes to spare. The opposition, between now and next week is trying to make converts, but it is not believed that they will be successful. Present indications are that the Senate will ratify the Treaty on March 24th by 60 votes to 20. With the ratification of the Pacific Treaty there will follow ratification of the naval and all other treaties agreed to at the Washington Conference.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

PROPOSAL TO DEPART FROM
TRADITION.

MARCH, March 17th.
Mr. Philip Norman, at the half-yearly meeting of the proprietors of the Bank of England, stated that the half yearly dividend had been increased to six per cent., equal to twelve per cent. per annum. Since 1914 the rate had been ten per cent. per annum. A stockholder suggested that the charter be revised and an ordinary limited company be formed, but the governor replied that they had better think twice or three times before they varied from the traditions of the past.

FRANCE'S FUTURE NAVY.
SUBMARINES MAY PLAY THE
LEADING PART.

PARIS, March 16th.
Pending the presentation of the Government's complete naval programme, the Senate has invited a vote on the provisional programme, abandoning the completion of five battleships of the Normandie type and providing for the construction of three light cruisers of 34 knots, six destroyers of 35 knots, twelve torpedo boats of 25 knots. The Naval Commission has unanimously of opinion that submarines should play a preponderating role in the future navy and propose to build twelve submarines, each of 1,100 tons, carrying food for thirty days and with a cruising capacity of 7,000 miles.

EGYPT'S REJOICINGS.

CAIRO, March 17th.
The Residency has requested the foreign diplomats here to treat directly with the Egyptian Foreign Ministry. It is officially announced that a review of the Egyptian army is being held at Abbassia on March 18th and a royal reception at Abdin Palace on March 20th. March 18th will henceforward be observed as a national holiday.

GERMAN OBSTRUCTION.

ESPECIALLY IN CONNECTION WITH
DISARMAMENT.

BERLIN, March 16th.
The Allied Ambassadors Conference has drawn the attention of Germany to the subject of obstruction in the work of the Inter-Allied Commission of Control, especially in connection with disarmament.

COST OF LIVING.

LOWEST IN BRITAIN SINCE
DECEMBER, 1917.

LONDON, March 16th.
Official: The Labour Gazette states that on March 1st the working class cost of living was 80 per cent. above that of July, 1914. This was two per cent. lower than on February 1st and the lowest since December, 1917.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

GENEVA, March 17th.
Mr. Tang Tai-fu has informed the Secretariat of the League of Nations that Dr. Koo now resumes his place in the Council of the League.

IRISH TREATY BILL.

LONDON, March 16th.
The House of Lords has passed the second reading of the Irish Treaty Bill.

EARLIER CABLES.

SOUTH AFRICAN OUTBREAK
OVER.

OVER SIX THOUSAND PRISONERS.

PRETORIA, March 16th.
A communiqué states that although although the revolution has been effectively crushed, small isolated "red" detachments continue a certain amount of sniping in desperate efforts to escape the law.

JOHANNESBURG, March 16th.
Only police action was needed to-day to clear Joppe and other places. Every one is talking business as usual here. The Committee of Public Safety has requested all employers and workpeople to resume immediately. Two hundred and fifty workmen promptly responded at East Rand Proprietary Mines alone. It is expected that the train service on the Rand will be normal to-morrow.

PRETORIA, March 16th.
Except for a few escaped men, all the revolutionaries have been made prisoners, the total being upwards of six thousand.

OCCUPATION EXPENSES.

A BITTER FRENCH CARTOON.

WASHINGTON, March 16th.
It is authoritatively announced that the Government's demand that 241 million dollars for Rhineland occupation expenses be met before any reparations are paid, merely aimed at Allied recognition of the right of the United States to a share in the German reparation payment. A Paris message says the feeling, excited by the American Note is indicated by a cartoon in the *Figaro* representing Germany pouring gold from a sack and an American soldier grabbing the gold and pushing back the figure of France. The words beneath the cartoon are: "Lafayette did not foresee this."

VIRULENT SMALL-POX AT
MADRAS.

MADRAS, March 16th.
Virulent small-pox is prevalent at Madras and some up-country stations.

BRITISH NAVAL REDUCTIONS

"THINGS SCRAPPED TO THE
BONE."

LONDON, March 16th.
In the House of Commons, Colonel Amery, in introducing a vote on account of the Navy Estimates, dwelt on the value of the Washington Conference as showing the increased capacity of the British Empire to give united effect to a single policy. He repudiated the suggestion of the Golden Committee that £21,000,000 spent before the Washington Conference could have been saved this year and that the Navy was over-manned. He declared that the present system of manning was absolutely essential to efficiency. The total reduction effected in the Estimates was £15,000,000, whilst the savings resulting from the Washington Conference amounted to £13,500,000. He added that things had been scraped to the bone and it was impossible to go further unless we wished to drop to the rank of a second or third-rate Power, which our duty to our fellow-subjects throughout the Empire forbade.

THE INDIAN BUDGET.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S CUTTING
PROCESS.

LONDON, March 16th.
In accordance with the policy it adopted of a collective reduction of 5 per cent. on each item of the Budget, leaving the Government to settle the exact direction in which the saving can be effected, the Democratic Party in the Legislative Assembly to-day continued the cutting process. Reductions of 5 per cent. were carried in respect of salt, opium, land revenue and stamps. The Forestry Estimates alone were spared. There was a strong demand that stamps be manufactured in India instead of in England. Mr. Gour said that the Democrats would continue their policy unless they received an undertaking that the Government would carry out a total reduction of 5 per cent. on all civil departments. After brisk discussion, in which the Indianisation of railways was strongly urged, the Assembly reduced the Railway Vote by 25 lakhs with the consent of the Government and the Telegraph and Postal vote by ten lakhs. The total reductions in the two days' debates have been 55 lakhs.

DUTCH INDIES LOAN.

LONDON, March 16th.
The Dutch Indies loan is to be issued at 94 and will carry 6 per cent. interest. The stock to be redeemable at the option of the Indies Government between 1923 and 1925.

ENGINEERING LOCK-OUT:

AWAITING OTHER UNIONS'
BALLOT.

LONDON, March 16th.
Replying to a Labour deputation Mr. Chamberlain said the Government was unable to grant a Court of Enquiry into the engineering lock-out until the result of the ballot by other Unions was known.

LIVING COSTS IN TOKYO, HIGHEST OF ANY
CITY IN THE WORLD, ARE THE CAUSE OF
THE CLOSING OF THE RUMANIAN LEGATION
HERE THIS MONTH, ACCORDING TO THE
HOCHI.

The Rumanian Minister, has First Secretary and Military Attache have received instructions to close the Legation temporarily and are making preparations to sail for home within the next few weeks. According to the newspaper, the appropriation for the maintenance of a Legation in Tokyo is not sufficient to meet present price levels.

According to Japanese native papers, the officials of the Yokohama Dockyard Co. have decided to wait until the pinch of want drives the workmen who are now on strike back to their jobs. The officials were confident that this will come about before long. The strikers are selling bread and groceries to raise strike funds and declare they are able to carry on the struggle for at least six months. All the repair works in the docks have been entrusted to other companies, with the exception of that on the *Kaga* and the *Kamo*, which is almost complete.

The British Legation Chapel in Peking was the scene of a pretty wedding on the 14th inst. when Mrs. Belcher, widow of the late Major F. P. Belcher, R.A.F., was married to Mr. E. C. Merville, younger son of Mr. Merville of London. The bride was given away by Sir Beilby Alston, H. M. Minister, Lady Alston acting as proxy for her mother, and Mr. L. N. Mackinnon, of Tientsin, was best man. Following the ceremony, the guests assembled at Sir Beilby Alston's house to render their congratulations. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Merville left for Tientsin, where the first portion of the honeymoon is being spent.

The news which last week reached the Shanghai office of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes of the death of M. L. Bridou, which occurred at Monte Carlo on the 10th inst. will be received by many friends in China with deep regret. M. Bridou was for a period of about 20 years a resident of Shanghai, and throughout that time was connected with the local office of the Messageries Maritimes and was for many years agent-general there. He always took a keen interest in French municipal affairs and was a member of the French Municipal Council during the years 1914-15. He left Shanghai for home about a year ago on his appointment to the sub-management of the Paris office of the company, and though he was then in a very poor state of health, the news of his death came as a sudden shock to his many friends in Shanghai.

SCOTTISH SPORT.

INTER-UNIVERSITY RUGBY.
THE FIRST CUP TIES.

EDINBURGH, February 1st.
For the first time a match between the full strengths of the Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow was played, the venue being Glasgow. In England, at Oxford and Cambridge, the whole of the students are in residence, and there is no opposition outside the college team. In Edinburgh and Glasgow it is quite different; many matriculated students continue to play for their old teams, and the University teams, consequently, depend upon players who have no local school or college connection. This season, however, Edinburgh made a special effort to draw upon their full strength to represent the University in certain important matches, with the result that they obtained convincing wins over Cambridge, London United Hospitals, Oxford, and Trinity College, Dublin. These matches not only proved highly interesting but immensely attractive to Rugby men, and the idea has now been carried farther.—Edinburgh sent their full strength to meet their fellow University men in Glasgow.

The match was well worthy of the occasion. The play of the Edinburgh three-quarters all through the game was very fine, and if Drysdale was slow, he was strong in defence. Hoffmeyer was good, and his touch-getting excellent. Liddell gave one of his best exhibitions. Dunn was capital, and Selby worked on the blind side of the scrum to perfection; but he had a hot hand in Dobbie, who perhaps had the better of the argument. Browning was outstanding in defence. The Edinburgh forwards had the fault of getting offside, but on this occasion they had no chance. Carmichael was able to return to the Watsonians, and gave them yeoman service. Glasgow Academicals had not such a simple task with the Royal High School as earlier in the season, but they won comfortably. Kelvinside were quite out of it with Glasgow High School. And Greenock Wanderers put up a surprisingly good fight against Edinburgh University.

An interesting Rugby card was run through at the end of the week, none of the results, however, affecting the club Championship. It was exceedingly unfortunate for Stewart that they had to tackle their important fixture against the Watsonians with a team considerably under strength. In the first game of the season they succeeded in defeating their powerful opponents, but on this occasion they had no chance. Carmichael was able to return to the Watsonians, and gave them yeoman service. Glasgow Academicals had not such a simple task with the Royal High School as earlier in the season, but they won comfortably. Kelvinside were quite out of it with Glasgow High School. And Greenock Wanderers put up a surprisingly good fight against Edinburgh University.

Inter-University (full strength)—
Glasgow, 10; Edinburgh, 8.
Watsonians, 17; Stewart's, 3.
Heriot's, 16; Wanderers, 0.
Edin. Univ., 9; Greenock Wm., 2.
Glas. H.S., 25; Kelvinside, 3.
West, 14; Institution, 11.
Glas. Acad., 27; R.H.S., 4.
Hawick, 28; Edin. Acad., 5.
Glas. 15; Melrose, 0.

RUGBY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

The first of the home international next week marks another stage in the Rugby season, and a table of the state of the club games in the (mythical) Championship is therefore appropriate. It stands, as follows:—

| Club | W. | D. | L. |
|-------------------|----|----|----|
| Glas. Acad. | 18 | 7 | 10 |
| Heriot's | 14 | 13 | 10 |
| Edin. Univ. | 11 | 7 | 1 |
| Glas. H.S. | 17 | 12 | 4 |
| Stewart's | 14 | 9 | 5 |
| Melrose | 14 | 8 | 5 |
| West | 13 | 7 | 5 |
| Edin. Wm. | 13 | 8 | 1 |
| Glas. 15 | 15 | 9 | 3 |
| Hawick | 15 | 11 | 6 |
| Watsonians | 16 | 10 | 6 |
| St.irling | 14 | 5 | 7 |
| Kelvinside | 16 | 6 | 9 |
| Glas. Univ. | 13 | 5 | 8 |
| Edin. Acad. | 12 | 3 | 0 |
| Jedforest | 16 | 5 | 2 |
| Institution | 14 | 3 | 10 |
| Highland H.S. | 15 | 11 | 3 |
| Royal High School | 16 | 2 | 12 |

SCOTTISH CUP—FIRST ROUND.

The first round of the Scottish Cup ties was uneventful as far as results were concerned, the only matter of interest being the high scores recorded. The smaller clubs were ruthlessly weeded out. Already 17 of the First and 8 of the Second Division enter the second round.

JAPANESE CO-RESPONDENT IN
BRITISH DIVORCE CASE.

A letter from an alleged Japanese lover who styled himself "Green Tea" was cited in the Divorce Court on February 14th, when John Leonard Hutchinson, an accountant, petitioned for a divorce against his wife owing to her misconduct with Yoshimaro Tanaka, said to be a Professor of Agriculture at the Imperial University of Tokyo. The charges were denied. For the husband it was said letters were sent by Tanaka to "Mrs. Pink," and addressed to Balham post office. One read: "My dear Mimosa," and another: "My heart is full of thought of you. I am pleased to find an oasis in the desert of this smoky town, and a white blossom in the green oasis. At the same time I am pleased to find the white flower married. What use to us of young ladies, the mischievous birds—Green Tea." Mrs. Edith May Hutchinson declared that she thought Tanaka English and that nothing improper occurred. The letters were "all nonsense," Mr. Hutchinson was granted a decree nisi and £250 damages.

AN IMMORTAL ANGLO-INDIAN
SOLDIER.

WHERE WAS HE BORN?

A notable ceremony took place at Lisburn (Ulster) in January, when Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson unveiled the statue, which has been erected in the Market Square, to the memory of another distinguished soldier, Brigadier-General John Nicholson, a hero of the Indian Mutiny, who fell while leading his troops at Delhi in 1857. The memorial, which is the work of Mr. F. W. Pomeroy R.A., was presented to the town by the late Mr. Henry Musgrave, O.R.E., and it was at his request that Sir Henry consented to unveil the statue.

Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, who was enthusiastically received, said:—Mr. Prime Minister, ladies and gentlemen: John Nicholson, of the town of Lisburn, spent the first eighteen years of his life here and the second eighteen years on the borders of India. In those second eighteen years, John Nicholson, of Lisburn, made a name for himself amongst the most warlike, and the most terrible tribes. He made a name which stands to-day as strong as it did when he was killed sixty years ago. John Nicholson, by himself, he ruled the tribes that it was said with absolute truth, that one could walk from one end to the other of North-West India with absolute safety amongst those savage people. A great friend of his, Sir Herbert Edwards, who had fought alongside him for eighteen years, wrote as follows:—"What class of man is John Nicholson, of Lisburn," and he answered the question himself by saying:—"Of no class; he stands by himself." (Cheers.) Those wild tribes to-day, this very day when we are standing here in Lisburn—those wild tribes, when they mentioned John Nicholson's name, saluted. The children are brought up to salute at the mention of John Nicholson, of Lisburn, and in the whole history of India there is no parallel to John Nicholson. The story of John Nicholson—he was only 35 years old when he was killed—in North-West India are truly fairy stories. I will tell you three. He was written one day, his tent up amongst those tribes. He was writing to his superior officer, and this was his letter:—"I have just killed a man who came to kill me—Your obedient servant, John Nicholson." At the fighting in Delhi one of his orderlies, a native of whom he was very fond, was killed, and that night John Nicholson wrote on a slip of paper to be given to one of his friends:—"My orderly was killed to-day. I leave 500 rupees to his widow." And lastly, when John Nicholson was lying on a wrecked stretcher near the Kashmir Gate of Delhi dying, and only able to whisper, another officer came in to see him and said to him, "One of the British officers who had been with him in a storming party in the morning said that as the storming party had not been successful, the storming party ought to withdraw," and John Nicholson, who was dying, whispered:—"Send that officer to me; thank God I have sufficient strength to shoot him." That was John Nicholson, of Lisburn. It was curious that in that little quarter of Ireland in Ulster in those terrible times of the mutiny there were produced four men who stand out absolutely amongst all those other gallant fellows who were there—John Lawrence and Henry Lawrence, of Londonderry; Edward Pottenger, of County Down; and John Nicholson, of Lisburn. If I might be allowed to say so, I would say to you, men and women of Lisburn, treat that statue as something not only to be exceedingly proud of, but as something sacred, and teach your children the story of the life of John Nicholson, of Lisburn. (Applause.)

The Memorial having been erected at Lisburn, a Mr. R. Hart Maza, in distant East Croydon, writes to the newspapers to ask whether the heroic soldier was a native of Lisburn after all. "The Dictionary of the National Biography," edited by Leslie Stephen, gives Nicholson's birthplace as Dublin, and Mr. Hart Maza has now had this confirmed by Mr. William Foster, C.L.E., Registrar and Superintendent of Records at the India Office who writes:—"In reply to your enquiry, I am directed to inform you that John Nicholson at the time of his appointment as a cadet in the Bengal Army, furnished a declaration that he was born in the parish of St. Thomas, in the County of Dublin, on the 11th December, 1822. The record inside, also a certificate, dated 23rd January, 1829, by the Rev. G. Billek, at that time incumbent of St. Leonard's, Bridgenorth, that he had baptised John, son of Alexander and Clara Nicholson, in the parish of St. Thomas, Dublin, on 18th December, 1822."

The Foreign Office issued a statement on January 25th outlining Great Britain's policy with regard to the future government of Egypt.

This says that the policy of his Majesty's Government, both during and since the Adly mission to England, has been founded upon the following principles:—

1.—That the Imperial communications, to which Egypt is essential, are assured.

2.—That Great Britain retains both the right and the power to afford that protection to the foreign communities in Egypt which the Governments of those peoples in existing conditions look to her to supply.

3.—That Egypt is safeguarded against all foreign interference or aggression, direct or indirect.

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THE NATIONAL DEBT.

REDUCTION OF £244,000,000.

For the first time since pre-war days our National Debt shows a reduction as compared with the previous year. A statistical statement issued on February 1st gives the total amount of dead weight debt for the financial year 1921-22 as £7,585,059,590, as against £7,831,744,000 for 1920-21—a reduction of £246,684,410. Other capital liabilities for 1921-22 amounted to £43,738,949, an increase during the year of £1,375,778. This makes a total aggregate gross liability for 1921-22 of £7,628,797,939, in contrast with £7,875,838,168 for the previous year—a reduction of £247,040,229. The rise—now arrested—in the aggregate liabilities since 1913-14 is shown below:—

| Year | £ |
|---------|---------------|
| 1913-14 | 7,116,282,811 |
| 1914-15 | 7,075,554,110 |
| 1915-16 | 1,135,301,702 |
| 1916-17 | 2,197,439,245 |
| 1917-18 | 4,033,344,931 |
| 1918-19 | 5,921,065,818 |
| 1919-20 | 7,431,060,442 |
| 1920-21 | 7,875,838,168 |
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FINANCIAL TROUBLES IN
NEW YORK.

FAILURE OF BROKERAGE FIRMS.

A recent wireless message from Washington to Peking says:—
The financial storm in New York which caused the failure of the Kardon Brokers continues and it has now swept four more brokerage firms through. Petitions have been filed against Rasmussen and Co., whose liabilities were two million and five hundred thousand dollars and as sets one million and five hundred thousand dollars. The Webel and company's liabilities were one million and fifty thousand dollars, while assets only ten thousand dollars. The Burke and Roddy and company's liabilities are not given out by the authorities. In the exchange markets, it is announced that Messrs. Rasmussen and company have suspended business because they are unable to meet their financial engagements and its failure has attracted special interest. Mr. Burke resigned his trusteeship from a certain firm of good standing and entered into partnership with Mr. Kardon, who had started eight years previous as a Wall Street messenger. Mr. Burke said he had a contract with Mr. Kardon that neither would trade with others without each other's consent and he believed that Kardon observed this contract severely. Mr. Burke added that he had lost everything and intended to try and rebuild fortune by practising law. He is sixty-two years old.

The New York police have been seeking a man named Alfred Lindsay, broker, on charge of defrauding fourteen society women of sums aggregating to five hundred and sixty thousand dollars including the entire fortune of Mrs. Lillian Duke, the divorced wife of the tobacco king, amounting to three hundred and seventy-five thousand gold dollars and other valuables.

A HOMELESS SPY.

TRIBITCH LINCOLN ARRESTED IN
NEW YORK.

Tribitch Lincoln, former British M.P., German spy, was arrested in New York on January 27th, on a charge of surreptitiously entering the United States. Lincoln went there under an assumed name last November. He had been several times on Broadway recently, it is said, but the Federal authorities were unable to trace him until they received a letter from one of his acquaintances informing them of his whereabouts. After his arrest, he said:—

"I was arrested in Vienna on February 18th last for high treason and for having sold alleged false documents to the Czechoslovakian Government. After three and a half months of judicial inquiry I was set free, but expelled from Vienna. I was wanted in Germany for high treason, there being a price on my head for participating in the Kapp counter-revolution. A Bavarian murder bureau decreed my assassination. The Hungarian Monarchists are equally after me. British spies follow me wherever I go. I acknowledge I landed here in violation of the immigration laws. I want no deception or offence to the United States authorities. I was in peril of my life."

BRITAIN'S POLICY IN
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STAG AT A CINEMA.

A stag hunted by the Berks and Bucks hounds on February 1st ran through the town of Beaconsfield, causing considerable commotion. He leaped over a fence into the grounds of Mr. J. L. Garvin's house, and, after a short run along the road, got into an orchard. He jumped the fence, and then went back to Mr. Garvin's property, where he took refuge in a pond. Hunted from there, the stag jumped into a rock garden, and getting over a hedge, into the road, ran to a Cinema, where he was leasoced.

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LADY SCOTT ENGAGED.

The engagement is announced of Lieut.-Commander E. Hilton Young, M.P., Financial Secretary to the Treasury, and Lady Scott. Lady Scott is the widow of Captain Falcon Scott, R.N., the gallant leader of the Antarctic expedition which met which disaster in 1912. She received the rank of a K.C.B.'s widow by Royal Warrant in recognition of her husband's work. Lady Scott, who is a daughter of the late Canon Bruce, has done much successful work as a sculptor, and has designed several well-known public monuments. One of her principal works is the statue of her husband in Water-place. Among her sitters have been Mr. Asquith, Colonel Lawrence, and the late American Ambassador. For eleven months during the war, Lady Scott made munitions in a big factory, and her industry and influence stimulated the output by the girls of her section. With regard to her sculptural talent, this is partly traceable to her descent. Her mother was a Skene, a half-Greek, and her grandmother came from one of the most aristocratic Greek families. From her earliest years the grandmother imbibed the love of Greek art, and this has descended to Lady Scott.

MR. HILTON YOUNG'S WAR RECORD.
Lieut.-Commander E. Hilton Young, D.S.O., D.S.C., M.P., is the youngest son of Sir George Young, Bart., of Formosa, Cookham.

He was given promotion and the D.S.C. for his share in the Zeebrugge affair, in which he lost an arm. He received the D.S.O. for services in command of an armoured train during the Archangel operations.

The Serbian Medal for valour was bestowed upon Lieut.-Com. Young while he was serving in the British Naval Mission with the gallant band of Serbians who made a desperate last stand at Semendria.

Lieut.-Com. Young, who has represented Norwich in the Liberal interest since 1915, who, educated at Eton and at Trinity College, Cambridge. He was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1904, practising in the King's Bench Division and on the Oxford Circuit. But journalism rather than law was afterwards his vocation.

The engagement of Lady Scott recalls the poignant message in which Captain Scott left his wife and child to the care of his fellow-countrymen. The boy, Peter Scott, is now quite a sturdy little fellow.

In the tent where Capt. Scott waited eight days for death with Dr. Wilson and Lieut. Bowers, the search party found the leader's diary, in which Capt. Scott, on March 29th, 1912, after detailing the causes of disaster, wrote:

"Had we lived, I should have had a tale to tell of the hardships, endurance, and courage of my companions which would have stirred the heart of every Englishman."

"These rough notes and our dead bodies must tell the tale; but surely a great, rich country like ours will see that those who are dependent upon us are properly provided for."

Lady Scott received a Civil Service annuity of £100, and annuities were granted other relatives of victims of the expedition.

A HAIR-RISING STORY. VILLAGE PUBLICAN'S POLITICAL VOW.

Miss Host of Towtree (Annie Chestnut) Inn, Burghill, Herefordshire, Mr. Frederick Wilkins, anxiously awaits the general election in the hope that it will release him from a vow he took 16 years ago, says a recent issue of the *Daily News*.

In 1906, just after the Tories had met their political Sedan, Mr. Wilkins indignantly declared that he would allow neither his beard nor his hair to be shorn until the Liberal Government was defeated.

That pledge he has faithfully observed to the present day. Year by year he has been steadily retiring behind a forest of beard, whose snowy fringes now encroach upon his watch chain. His mane, when shaken free, tumbles in a grey cascade over his shoulders and halfway down his back; but usually he keeps it on top of his head, fastened with a hairpin in a neat knot and restrained at the rear by a comb.

Mr. Wilkins is an ex-Guardsman, and though 65 years of age, still retains a military carriage, in spite of attacks of sciatica and gout.

EYE ON THE DIVISIONS.
When I met him this morning in the low, oak-panelled room of his hostelry I quizzed him regarding his vow.

"Thereby hangs a tale," he said, stroking his beard. "You have heard of many peculiar vows, I daresay, but for continuity mine takes some beating."

"Whenever the Government majority shrinks, my friends come round and say: 'You'll soon be able to have your hair cut'; and I tell them my hair is like the Government majority—it grows thinner the longer it stays on."

Once before Mr. Wilkins made a similar vow. During the Boer War he renounced the barber and all his works until the British should gain a complete victory.

When a false report came through that Mafeking had been relieved, the Hereford publican, with whom he had a wager of £5, brought a hairdresser to him and told him he could have his hair cut; but Mr. Wilkins refused until the news was confirmed. The report proved to be untrue.

"My friend was quite innocent in the matter," said Mr. Wilkins, "but if I had given way I would have lost my bet."

It is quite a sight to see Mr. Wilkins smoke a cigarette. I handed him one and he poked it deep into a grey tangle of beard till only the tip showed. When I offered him a light I felt distinctly nervous lest, with thoughts incendiary, I should destroy that venerable growth.

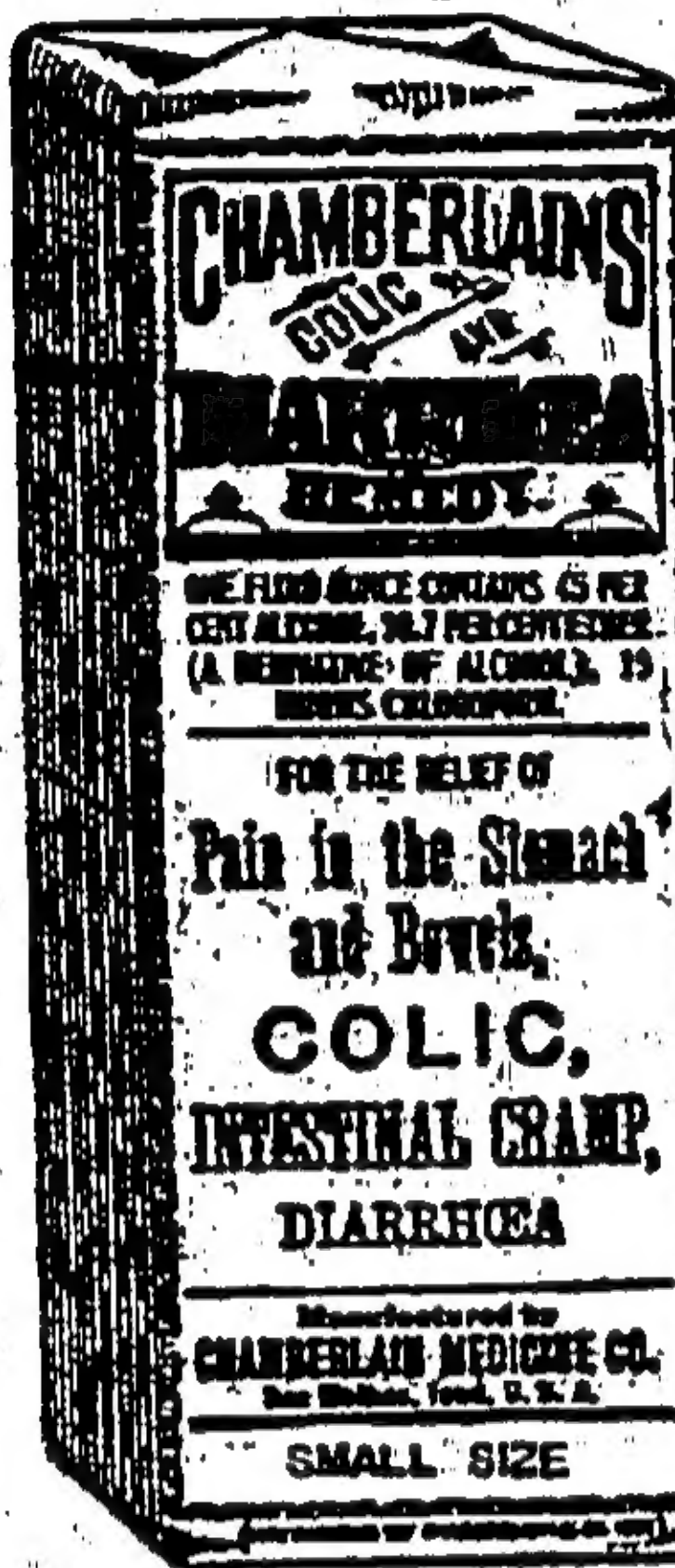
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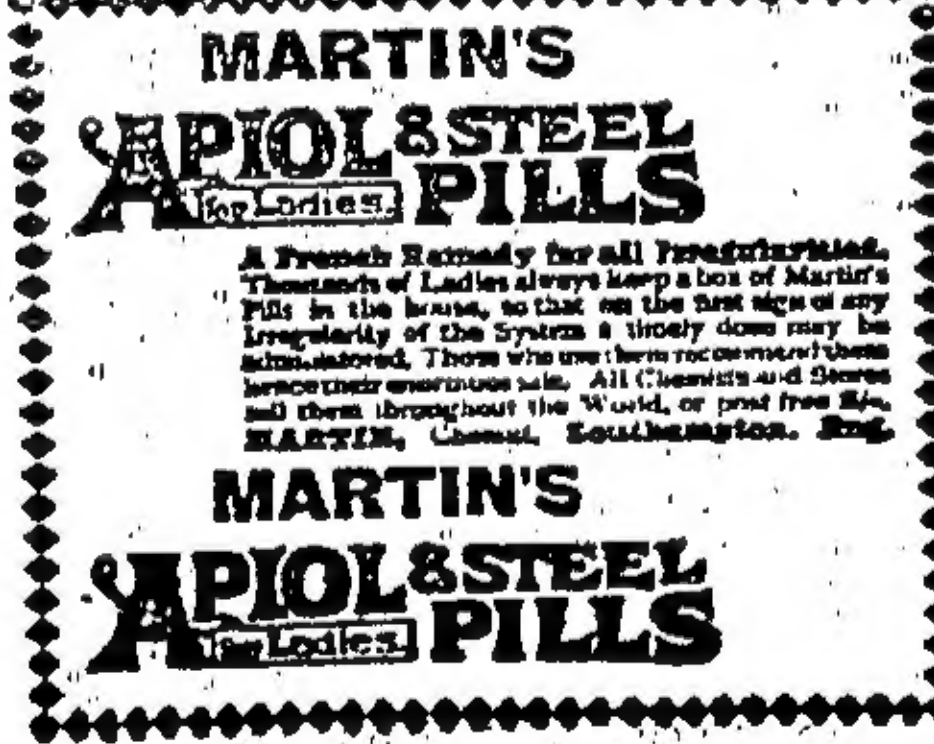


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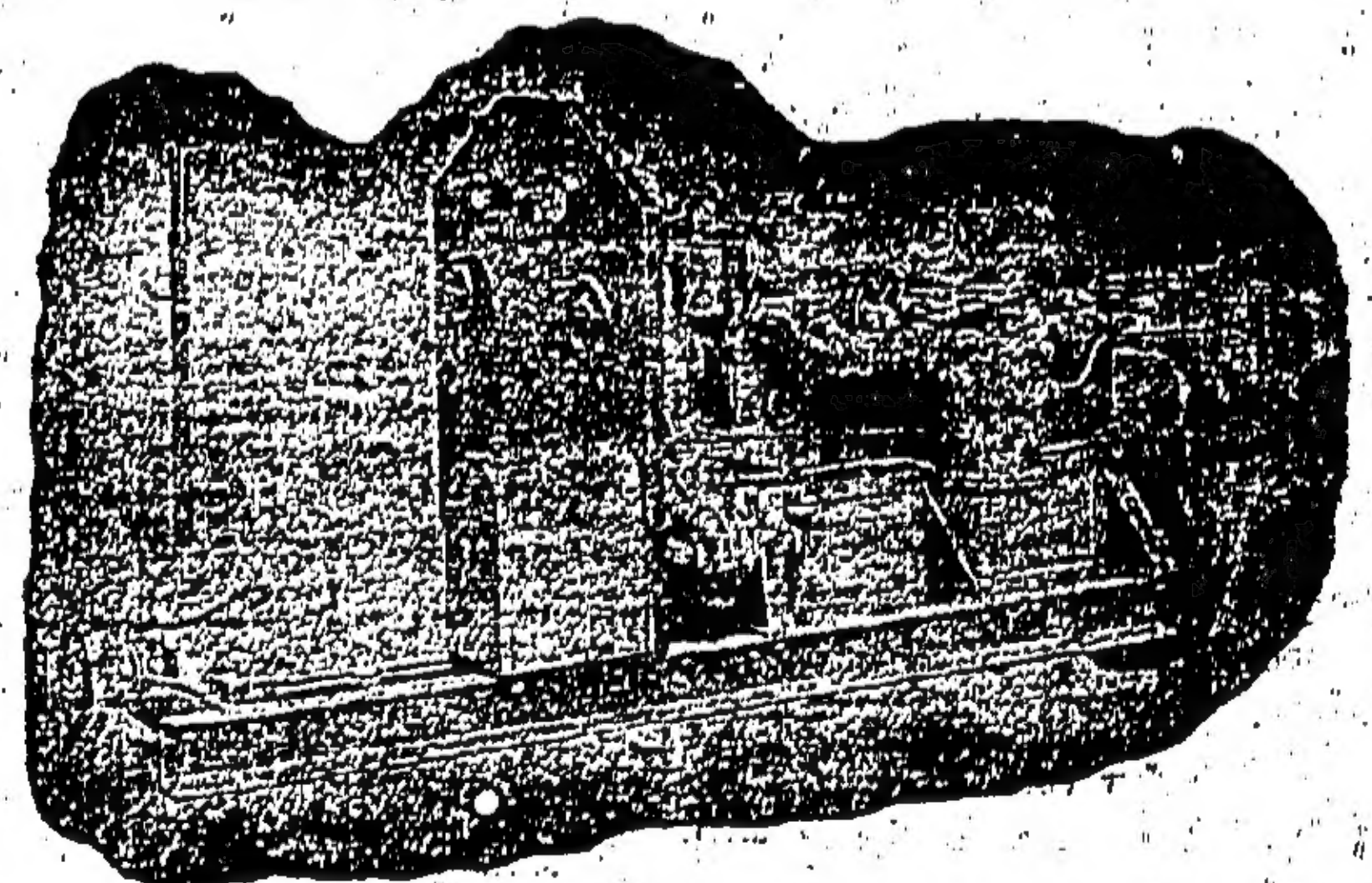
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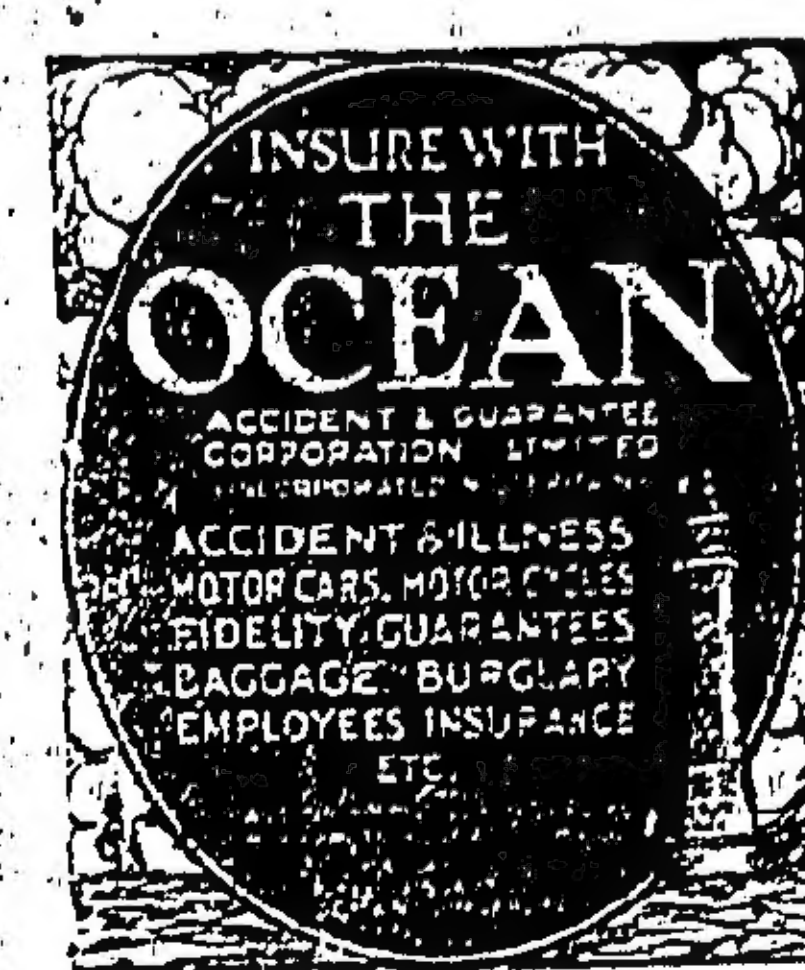
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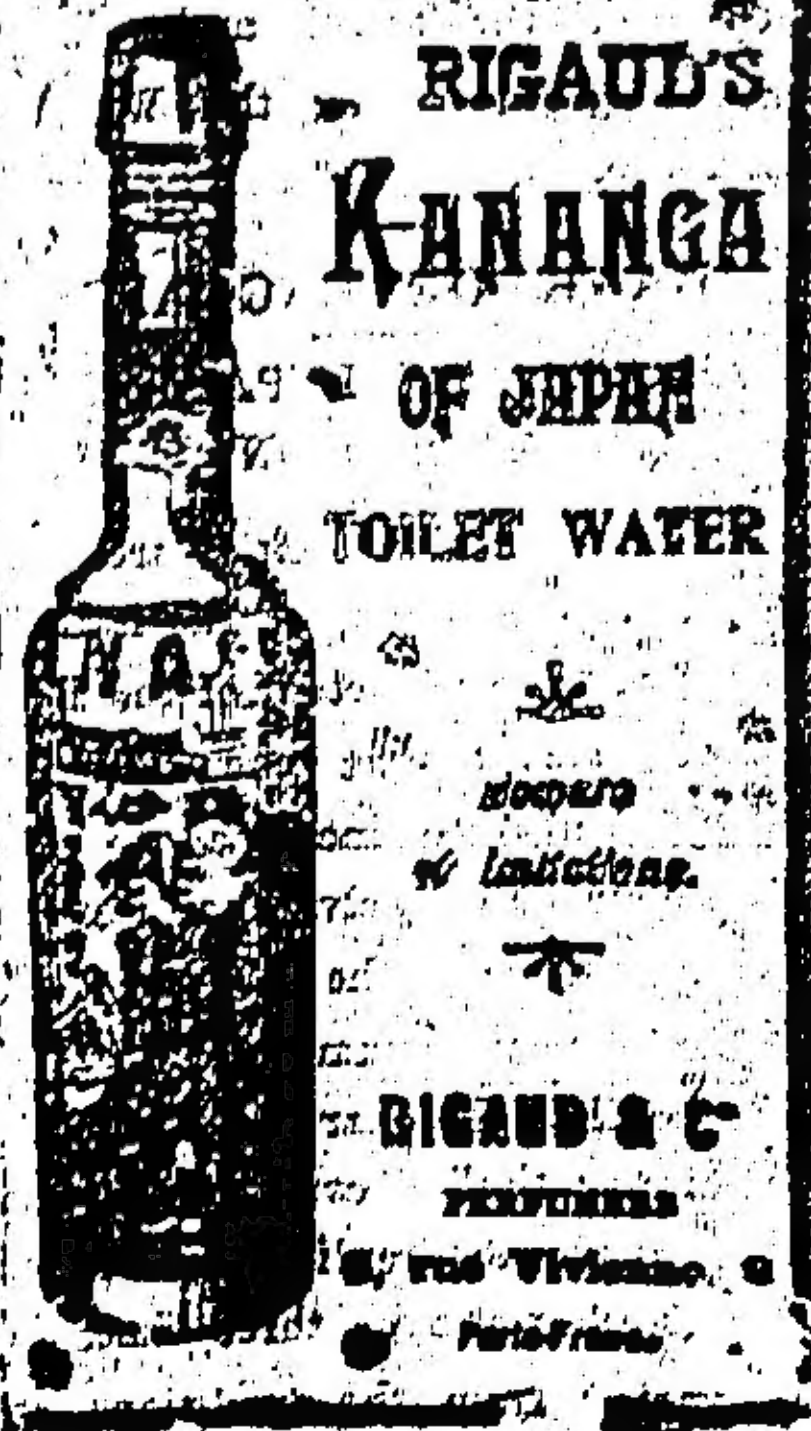
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